

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Let your light shine before men Matthew 5:16

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FROM THE DESK OF THE TERRITORIAL OVERSEER

The month of September was very exciting as we started off with some of our sisters attending the very first W.O.R.I. International Retreat. The report from them was that it was a total success. Praise God!! Sister Lam has a report on the retreat in this newsletter! Wouldn't it be great to have a report on the International Sons of Abraham Retreat in this newsletter sometime by next year? Everything is possible with God!

In the middle of the month we enjoyed our annual hayride sponsored by the Territory Youth Department, under the leadership of Bishop Mike and Minister Marlene Piper. A great time was had by all with well over one hundred people in attendance and no mishaps! Thank you Brother Mike and Sister Marlene for your great hospitality in hosting this event at your home. Your labors of love are greatly appreciated and souls were touched!

At the end of the month we had our second prayer breakfast of the year with the ladies having theirs at our Youngstown church and the men having theirs at our Clarion church. It has been reported that both of our

meetings were well attended and that the food, fellowship, and teachings were enjoyable and well received. My thanks to all the leaders who attended and helped to make these prayer breakfasts successful. A special thanks to Deaconess Cheryl Piper, Territory Director of W.O.R.I. and to Bishop Kenny Butts, Territory Director of the S.O.A. Thank You!!

Now it is time to look forward to our upcoming event, The Feast of Tabernacles which is going to happen on October 16. We are working very hard at getting the word out about this exciting convocation using T.V., newspaper, and road signs to let everyone know that the Feast of Tabernacles, an appointment required by God in His Word, is happening in Pittsburgh this year. I would encourage all of you to share this information with your family and friends so that they might have an opportunity to attend this great celebration with you. Those of you who are leaders will be needed to help us set up the room the evening of the 15th after 11 PM, and also in the morning at around 6 AM. Our first service will begin at 10 AM, so please come and help us if you can!

Remember there is a quick choir practice at 8:00 AM., then the timbrel praise teams will need time to find their places of routine. If you aren't helping, or in one of these practices, please wait in the back of the room so the others can be attentive.

We are very excited about the possibility of bringing Bishop Joe Kerkulah here from Liberia, West Africa so that he can see our churches and our people and to be able to attend his first International Ministers Council. He also is excited about this!! Please pray that all goes well with this endeavor as he does everything he can to make this happen. He is currently working on getting his visa.

As you can see we have a lot on our agenda. Every church and every member will find themselves busy, but our God Yahweh is well able to help us as we labor to accomplish what He has assigned all of us to do.

Let us pray together that God will bless our efforts this month and every month to come!

Prayerfully, in Christ's Service,
Bishop H. David Lam

FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSISTANT TERRITORIAL OVERSEER

The excitement of Tabernacles is in the air! I get so excited every time at Feast time. It comes to me how much God truly loves His people that He gave us these special times of the year where we gather together to worship Him. Understand, these are His special times to meet with Him. This is part of the true worshipers that He seeks, those who find His will and don't just know it, but also put it into practice.

This is all about love - His love for us, and our love for Him. Forever Feasts, are you getting excited? This is where we come together and offer to Him our very best in offerings of sacrifice of praise and worship. We are also told in His Word to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, for this is our spiritual act of worship. Are you preparing for worship? Say "Praise the Lord"! We also under-

stand that Jesus is the living stone rejected by man but chosen of God and through Him we become living stones and He is building us into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood for Him, offering spiritual sacrifices that our acceptable to God through Jesus, our Lord.

Tabernacles is about finding His will for our lives and moving with the cloud. So let's begin preparing and praying for His anointing to work through us. The Spirit of God brings unity and a positive perspective that will make you different than the world. We are light in a dark world, that's why He says we are a "peculiar people". This is all about His plan of preparing a people to be His holy people. The city of God that is on a hill cannot be hid but gives light. So let's all be excited about going to Tabernacles to offer our very best with a positive and

certain attitude of being true worshipers, who worship in spirit and truth. Please continue to invite people out.

We are also setting together our reorganization plan for this upcoming year, for this is the time we do this. In Monroeville/Pittsburgh we are setting leaders up to lead in their positions in a positive effective way. I envision the work progressing as we reach out in new ways to reach people and further the gospel. Remember to pray for all of our churches this upcoming year. Let's all be in agreement with a positive attitude about the work of the Lord and remember, we are in the army of the Lord. Thank you, Jesus, for all you have given us. May the Lord bless the labors of our hands as we go forth in His name. See you at the Feast!!

Bishop Roy D. Piper

Furthering God's Kingdom

Greetings in the name of the Lord! It is exciting to work for the Lord. MIA and Timbrel have been working hard in preparation for The Feast of Tabernacles in order that we might bless the Lord and His people. The Feast will be here before we know it. We are in prayer that God will send in others who see and believe like we do in the importance of keeping His Feasts. It will be exciting to meet at God's appointed place and time.

This month it was a privilege to baptize Alycia Turak and Wayne Piper as an outward sign of their inward commitment to the Lord. I would also like to say thanks to Jason and Felicia for hosting this baptism. They opened their pool and their home to all of us so that we would have a great time of food and fellowship.

We also started back our fundraising with our first roast beef dinner for the fall season. It was good to fellowship with all of those who came out to our dinner. We all worked together, and God blessed our labors.

I would also like to thank Brother Mike and Sister Marlene and their family for once again opening their home for our annual hayride. We were blessed to have a nice group of people and also a nice day to have the hayride. Bro and Sis Piper, your work does not go unnoticed. Thank you, from the Greensburg church.

We also had a visitor this month who was brought by Wayne Piper who after service gave his heart to the Lord, and is looking forward to being baptized. Building the Kingdom one by one, its our job. Salvation is the best thing we can share with anyone.

It was also a blessing this month for our family to take the opportunity to travel to New York and visit the memorial site of ground zero and several other New York tourists sites. We knew God was with us when we drove through time square at 3:00 PM and later took two trips on the subway and enjoyed the adventure. We are now looking forward to finalizing all the details for the Feast. Hope to see all of you there.

Bishop David Dillie

Teshuvah

Here is a big Montana hug to everyone. I am writing this just as the Feast of Trumpets has passed. Wake up you who slumber and turn to God is what this Feast is all about, or Teshuvah, as our Hebrew brothers and sisters would say. Teshuvah is a Hebrew word which means not only to repent but a return to the ways of God, a return to walking in the footsteps of Jesus. During this time, before the Day of Atonement, we are to reflect on our life and what we have deemed important and return to the Lord in areas we might have strayed. This coming Sabbath is the Day of Atonement. Jesus completely fulfilled this day. We are washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. Then here comes the Feast of



Tabernacles. A time to rejoice in the abundance of Yahweh's provision in every aspect of our lives. It is just like God to wake us up (Feast of Trumpets), give us time to return to Him (the 10 days between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement) then throw a big celebration for those of us who have

received his mercy, grace, and abundance. We here in Montana are looking forward to the Feast of Tabernacles. Bishop Mike Piper and his wife Minister Marlene will be out here to help us celebrate. We are so blessed to have them coming to Montana this year.

September had been a busy month here as I am sure it has been in all our churches. Brother David Kramer and Brother and Sister Flick were just here from the 23 -26 and ministered to us. What a blessing they all are. Bishop Kramer taught a Saturday night Bible Study on "The Young Lions are Rallying". What an eye opening teaching about the times we are living in and how God's Word tells it all if you know where to look.

God bless you all is my prayer. Have an awesome Feast of Tabernacles.

Bishop Jim Harmon

Hayride 2011

God is so Good!! We had our annual hayride on September 17, 2011. What a beautiful day that God blessed us with! We had an great turnout for the day. Approximately 100 people came throughout the day. The hay wagon went out on three runs just full of people looking for a great time! Thank You, Pastor Dave Dillie, for dedicating your time to drive the tractor and get the wagon and hay that we all enjoyed and for keeping everyone safe. We appreciate you!

There were a lot of young people that came out. It was great to see them all running around the yard just having a good time of fellowship. We adults had a good time just sitting around talking and catching up. As

usual, we had a lot of delicious food to eat. Thank you everyone for making this day a huge success!

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of those who stayed and helped us clean everything up. It was such a huge blessing to us that so many of you stayed and took time out and helped us carry everything in and load up all the tables and equipment. God will bless you for all that you have done. Thanks to those who helped put up and tear down the tents. We cannot do this without all of you. Thank You So Much! We cannot wait to do it again next year!

Bishop Mike and Minister Marlene Piper
Territorial Youth Directors

SOA Prayer Breakfast

The first Saturday of each month our outreach team goes to Cedars of Monroeville (a personal care center). We had a youth service at church this Saturday morning. Brother Ralph Campbell, our youth leader, was asked to have the service at Cedars, too. Our team is making an impact on the folks there. They especially love the children. We want to build with as many children as possible. Thank you Monroeville Church for the extra effort.

On September 25th the Sons of Abraham met at the Clarion church for a prayer breakfast and service to follow. Our theme for this event was "Men Whom God Can Trust". Bishops Lam, Piper & Campbell ministered to us this morning on SOA goals from the introduction page of the "SOA Organizational and Training Guide".

WORI Retreat 2011

This was the first year for an International WORI retreat. For the past year, the theme of the International WORI has been about becoming the Proverbs 31 woman. This retreat reflected that theme in all the sessions we had.

We started the retreat with a session to open our hearts to what God was going to say to us there. As the women came to the altar and laid their burdens down, it was evident that the Holy Spirit was going to do a work that weekend. Sister Pat reminded us that there was nothing worth holding onto to make us lose out with God. Many of us took that seriously and met God at the altar.

The teaching sessions started with our personal relationship with Christ and taught us how to live godly lives in our thoughts, actions and speech. We learned how to follow examples of wise women in the Bible. We learned what not to do from examples of foolish women in the Bible. We were shown traits of the Proverbs 31 woman which were manifested in the life of Ruth. We were taught how to behave and dress in modesty.

After the teaching sessions, we broke off into groups of like women and shared our hearts and our burdens, for prayer and counsel from the Word of God. We developed friendships with the sisterhood to a deeper level.

I was part of a group of married women who listened to each other, prayed for each other, and gave scriptural advice to one another in the areas that we were struggling with. We vowed to pray for each other. We decided that we can't wait until the Feast of Pentecost to see each other again and rejoice in what God is doing in our lives.

God really blessed His women at this retreat. I was glad to be able to be a part of it!

Minister Cathy Brinko

Bishop Lam spoke on building a strong and united brotherhood in Christ and equipping and training our men (young and old) to be godly, honest men of integrity. Bishop Piper spoke on reaching out through service and commitment to our church and community and taking hold of our God-appointed leadership role. Bishop Campbell spoke on showing forth Christ in our personal lives, marriages, and homes and defining and restoring the biblical characteristics of being a godly man in body, soul, and spirit.

We were all blessed by the messages, testimonies from the men, and praying together. We all want to be a unified Church, and the Sons of Abraham must advance in these efforts.

Bishop Kenny Butts

WORI Prayer Breakfast

As usual, we had a great turnout and wonderful time of fellowship at our 2nd WORI Prayer Breakfast for the year. Approximately 34 women and young ladies attended. Youngstown and New Florence were in charge of preparing the meal and did an awesome job. We ate like queens that morning!! After breakfast, Minister Cathy Brinko and Minister Marlene Piper shared on their experience at the International WORI Retreat in Cleveland, TN. It was encouraging to hear about the good things that happened there; people receiving blessings in way of the teachings, healings and deliverance. Thank you, Deaconess Patricia Allen and all those who helped organize and prepare for this. We thank those for going and pray we all can make it next year!

After service downstairs, we went upstairs for a teaching from Minister Dollie Lam on Wise Women in the Bible and a teaching from myself on being a godly wife. The small children, ages 2-6, were taught by Sister Virginia Dohey and ages 10-16 were taught by Sister Joy Piper. Thank you ladies for teaching our children.

After the teachings upstairs, we opened up the floor for discussion and asked those who had any questions, to please ask them and get some advice and/or suggestions from our ministry and bishops' wives. In this open discussion format, we find out that we all face the same situations and were able to give advice to those to help them through them. One thing that we all agreed on is that you stand firm on your faith and don't compromise. God is in control and He will handle and make a way for you. God honors our faithfulness, steadfastness and dedication to Him. We look forward to next year's Prayer Breakfasts. This is a way for us to get together and enjoy our sisterhood. Let's make this a priority and bind together in love and see what God will do with us. It's all about Christ and His love to us, and how we share His love with each other. Praise the Lord!

Deaconess Cheryl Piper

First International Women of Ruth Retreat

September 2-4, 2011 saw 30-some great women of God meet at Johnston Woods, in McDonald, Tennessee to attend the very first International Women of Ruth Retreat. Our theme was, "Surrendering Ourselves To God", and our theme song "I Give Myself Away", was played before every service. Worship services started at 7:00 PM Friday, September 2, under the strong leadership of Deaconess Patricia Allen. The Holy Spirit was invited in right away. We women, as a whole, asked God to heal and deliver us into His Will and by 7:20 PM it was declared through that very Holy Spirit that "It's Over With". All past hurts were declared healed if we accepted it. The power of God was felt by everyone!

Deaconess Lillian Markey spoke on having a personal relationship with God, and how our "timid feelings" can sadly hinder us from being obedient to doing God's Will in our lives.

Deaconess Patricia Allen, did a comparison between Ruth and Esther. We learned they both depended on God, dressed with care, were discrete with men, devoted to family, hard workers, used godly speech, and received God's blessings in their lives! She also taught us when we or others make mistakes to "charge it to love"!!

Deaconess Kimberly Combs spoke on wise women, and how we can't serve God 100% if we are 50% polluted! Also, forgiveness is the foundation basis to having a healthy relationship with our Lord Jesus.

Deaconess Cheryl Piper, handed out a fill-in-the-blanks paper that we went over together, and she spoke on how we affect others, and how our very mannerisms can be a stumbling block if we aren't careful.

Deaconess Dorothy Williams, taught us about modest dressing and that today's styles of "showing our thighs and cleavage" can be a sin against God and a reproach against our husband's authority over us!

I spoke on three foolish women and three wise women found in the Bible, with the third woman being the wisest woman ever recorded in God's Word...and that was the "Bride". Being wise or foolish is up to us!

Some of the guests received Christ as their Savior for the first time. Some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several were completely delivered from addictions. And all were blessed through the power of God's Word and His presence among us!

We broke up into three different groups for one service which was 1. Bishop's or Pastor's wife. 2. Licensed ministers, 3. Single, divorced or widowed. We talked openly about any problem we may be having by sharing our hearts with each other, and we learned to "predetermine" to forgive those who hurt us!

Our closing service was a time where each lady got to tell at least three things she received by attending this retreat, and we got to share the beautiful "Women of Ruth" cake one of the ladies had made.

The area was very peaceful. Our accommodations were very clean. The dining hall was beautiful and cozy. Our food was delicious and we did not in any way go hungry! The people that ran the Johnston Woods Retreat were good Christians and made several comments on how godly our ladies acted. The price was very reasonable for what we got back in return, and the fellowship was a great time of bonding together in the spirit of love.

I would ask every woman to consider going the next time. A very special thanks to the eight women who made this trek from our Territory. We ladies were merely pioneers this time as we scouted out the trail for everyone else, returning with a good report..."God Still Changes Lives" !!

Minister Dollie Lam

Assistant Director, Women of Ruth International

Territorial Hayride

Our Territorial Hayride was held on September 17th at Brother Mike and Sister Marlene's house. God truly blessed us with a beautiful day, great fellowship, and amazing food. There were over 100 people that came throughout the day. It was nice to see and meet new people, and it was also nice to just relax and have fun with our brothers and sisters in Christ. You can always count on seeing the little ones running around and making new friends and that's always a blessing to see.



The route of the hayride was changed up this year, and it was a beautiful scenic route throughout the countryside. Very enjoyable!! A big thank you to Brother Mike and Sister Marlene for being so gracious in hosting everyone at their house, and also a big thank you to Brother Dave Dillie for being our tractor driver and keeping us all safe. We would also like to thank each and every one of you who made the effort of being at the hayride this year and those who invited friends and family. We always have an enjoyable time with all of you. Hope to see all of you there next year!!!

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

Brother Jerrod and Sister Jen Piper

Assistant Territorial Youth Directors

Monthly Youth Meetings

The month of September has been full of activity for the Youngstown youth. We are presenting a play for the Lord's Birthday on October 2nd and have been working hard to get ready. We've had 4 work sessions to paint scenery and make props throughout the month of September. I'm really proud of our kids, their parents, and our members who are participating. It's been a lot of work, but it's all coming together!

The youth also participated in a community food drive sponsored by the Westmoreland County Food Bank on September 11th. We handed out flyers and asked patrons at Walmart to help support the Food Bank. It was a good lesson to help others who are less fortunate. We want to begin serving food at a local mission, as well, and plans are underway to get our youth involved.

We want our youth group to meet at least monthly and to provide a time of teen/youth fellowship and activities. Next month we have a new fundraiser in the works that will be a learning experience for all. It's my hope our youth bring their friends to participate!

Our nursing home visits have been going really well with a steady number of residents attending each month. Brother Craig and Sister Row Miller are the Assistant Youth Directors and have started running the Loyalhanna visit. Thank you, Brother and Sister Miller, for all of your support and willingness to take on this role.

We also had the pleasure of attending the annual hayride at our Territorial Youth Directors' home on September 17th. This is always such a nice time of fellowship and fun with all of our churches. It was good to see everyone and the kids had a great time playing ball, riding the wagon, and eating, eating, eating! Thank you, Brother Mike and Sister Marlene, for all the work you do to make the hayride a success. The kids treasure that time and so do we! It was great to have Jerry's friend, Zak, with us for the day.

Our kids also participated in the Sons of Abraham and Women of Ruth Prayer Breakfasts we had on September 25th. I was blessed to teach the younger kids during the WORJ breakfast at Youngstown and was very thankful when Sister Hope Piper came down and helped me. We had a good 2 hours of quality time with 7 kids under the age of 5! I'll be honest and say I needed a nap when I got home! My boys were also able to attend the Men's Breakfast in Clarion since they were graciously escorted there by Pastor Lam. Thank you, Pastor, for helping me keep my boys engaged and involved in our activities. I am very proud of both of them for getting up early to go with the men.

We're looking forward to a special time of celebration at the Feast of Tabernacles and more activities focused on our youth. Please assist your children by transporting as many of their friends as you can to our events!

Sister Virginia Dohey

Patiently Waiting

Our last youth service in Pittsburgh was inspiring, in that, it encouraged us to be more patient in our faith. Sometimes we can become discouraged when we don't see answers to prayer immediately. It is easy to become discouraged in today's society because people around us live at such a fast pace. Technology is driving the notion that we need things done faster than it was done yesterday. Faster cars, quicker computers, and cell phones that can give us answers in seconds right in the palm of our hands are the norm in today's world. We don't want to wait in line at the grocery store, be put on hold during a telephone call, or follow a driver who won't even go the speed limit. We need to be careful that we don't let this way of thinking overtake us. We need to be patient when it comes to our faith, for patience is a fruit of the spirit. Let's heed David's instruction in Psalm 37:7 "*Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;*" and be reassured when we read Psalms 40:1 "*I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry*". When we don't receive the answer to our prayers the moment we ask, don't stop asking. Remember these scriptures and that God hears the prayers of those who love Him. God's knowledge of what's needed for our well-being is far superior to our own. I know I'm not the only one who has had prayers that were not answered and thanked God for those unanswered prayers after the fact. Keep in mind Jesus' instructions to the apostles in the 1st book of Acts "*Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.*" Just imagine if the disciples said we don't want to wait, we want our gift now. They wouldn't have been faithful followers of Christ. It's the same when we don't see things happening as fast as we might like. Do not become disheartened or dismayed. Let's not let the fast paced society in which we live persuade us but pray for the patience that can only come from God. Let's strive to be different for the LORD so that others can see HIM working in us!

Brother Ralph Campbell IV

Baby Dedication

We want to thank the Lord for another grandchild. On Friday, Sept. 23rd, we gathered at the Greensburg church to offer back to God, little Gabrielle. A beautiful child of God dedicated back to Him for His service. Minister Doyle and Sis Wanda Cook were able to attend. Min. Doyle started the service dedication and then Bishop Roy concluded the dedication service and commented on family. We want to thank those that attended this special service. After service, we went downstairs to have cake and ice cream for Stephanie's birthday. It was a double blessing for us. One thing I can say in all this is "if you remain faithful to the Lord and do as He asks of you, He will give you the desires of your heart". I can honestly say that. God has blessed me and Bishop Roy abundantly. Overflowing!! God is good, all the time!!

Deaconess Cheryl Piper

Growing Up In the Lord

My walk with the Lord has just begun. My faith in Him has been renewed. I was lost....and He found me! I was saved at Family Camp 2011, in a wide open field staring into the clouds looking for answers. And ever since, my problems just do not seem so bad.

My name is Shelly Funk, and if you don't know me you might know my mom - Minister Margie Funk. To get a clear picture on why the sudden change in my life, you must know some things about me. I come from a large family who is- for no better analogy- religiously deficient and confused. I was in so many different churches I lost count. My childhood was far from easy being the youngest of 5 children. I spent my entire life vying for attention in all the wrong ways and places. I put myself through addictions that could render a horse immobile, and watched as friends died and are still dying from some of the same addictions. I come from a life of regretful actions, anger, and personal destruction. The one thing positive in my life was the cute little red-headed boy that I brought into this world. At the moment of being saved, and the weights of life were lifted off my shoulders, I knew I would be OK. Someone higher and more powerful than me was there to help me through my problems. But I still didn't know the whole truth. Truth. Its a word that we all know, at least I thought I did.

Faithfully attending Sabbath School, Church and most importantly Bible Studies is where truth set in. Learning and reading the Bible was not something I had ever done before, nor did I want to. I was afraid of the truth. I was afraid of something that my mom had tried to tell me all this time. The Bible. With so many different religions in the world today, The Church of God was



nothing different to me. Every Wednesday evening, wherever we meet, my fellow Sisters and Brothers prove to me that I was very wrong. Bible Study is where I learn about the Bible, our doctrine and manual as a church, and where my faith is renewed every week.

Recently, because I am such a "baby" in the church, our studies have gone back to the basics. As everyone else who attends gets the refresher course, I am learning everything for the first time. The Candlestick, Water Baptism, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, The Two Temples, Nine Gifts of the Spirit, Sanctification.....just some of the things so precious to my walk in the Lord. Knowing these things is only because of the wonderful Bible Studies that we do as a church. Something so simple as an hour of studying His Word with friends helps keep my faith. A faith that has wavered before from fear. That fear is gone! Never to return.....I will get stronger every-

day. I owe these lessons to my church. Without them understanding that I need these lessons, I would not be the person I am growing into. I thank God every day for them.

Another awesome truth in our church is the fellowship of being with my Sisters. Every time I get to spend a moment talking to any of you, I grow. The best opportunity I have had to grow is when I attended the International Women of Ruth Retreat this year. I have never been so blessed to meet such an awesome group of virtuous women - all coming from such different pasts, and being in the church for different lengths of time, and women from all over our country. Right off the bat, on Friday evening, I learned something about growing. I couldn't grow unless I gave up trying to change my past and threw my sins, my regrets, and thoughts away. How was I supposed to be this person in the Lord's eyes? There is no room for me to grow if I can't forgive myself. Right then and there, it was like more weights were lifted off my chest. All day Saturday, I watched, learned, and listened to the Lord working in so many lives. Unbelievable! The Lord works in ways that are unfathomable to me. I watched and prayed as the Lord's Spirit took over our sessions and lifted my fellow Sisters up to give them what they needed - His Love.

Sunday we talked about how we had changed. A change that is still happening for me. What I learned down there I will always remember, and take and use to help others change. The best part of the weekend was driving down and back up again. The down-to-earth conversations that I had with 2 special ladies made me more open to growing in the Lord. As we made our way back to PA, Sister Cathy and I got to learn so much about each other. A family friend, who had seen different parts of my life, was able to make me understand why her life was changed and that I could do the same. Loving the Lord and having faith in Him is the easiest thing to do, and with my Sisters by my side it is something that will not waver. Not even through trials and hard times. We have a sisterhood that will stand the tests of the devil and time. I came back from the retreat a changed women with fighting power to get me through hard and stressful times. There are so many scriptures that I use everyday to keep my faith strong, and just to get me through. It was my sister who showed me them, and I will never forget my ammo! I will never forget that weekend.

When the stress is up and arguments and life take over, in my life and my family's, I have my Church, my Sisters, and most importantly.....My Bible. The three rocks that I rest my life on for the sake of my soul. I still have so much truth to learn and so much more of the Bible to study, but I thank God everyday for every one of you, in Pittsburgh and surrounding churches.

Sister Shelly Funk



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Oct 13 - 29 Mission Trip to Philippines. Please pray for their safety and for the work they're going to accomplish.
- Oct 16 Territorial Feast of Tabernacles celebration at the Holiday Inn in Moon Township.
Services @ 10 AM & 4 PM
- Oct 23 Pastor Dillie's installation @ New Florence beginning @ 10:30 AM
Covered dish fellowship to follow.
- Oct 26 & 27 Pennies from Heaven Sale @ Youngstown from 1 PM - 7 PM
Jewelry, Purses, etc. Most pieces \$6
- Nov 5 Hymn Sing @ New Florence from 4 PM - 9 PM
- Nov 7 - 10 Council of Apostles and Elders. Please pray for God's guidance
- Nov 12 Greensburg will be making stuffed pizzelles
- Nov 12 Pittsburgh Youth will be making stuffed pizzelles
- Nov 13 Roast Beef Dinner @ Youngstown from 11 AM - 3 PM

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